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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/887,832	<b>Applicant(s)</b> DELACK, ELAINE A.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Alton N. Pryor	<b>Art Unit</b> 1616	

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4 and 18-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1,4,19 and 20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 22-24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

Claims 18,21-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. What is meant by the phrase “neurodegenerative, multiple sclerosis related conditions”? The phrase appears to be new matter.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 18,21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Loder et al (WO 9611009; 4/18/96). Loder teaches a method of treating multiple sclerosis comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (agonist). Loder does not teach the administering of an “A” type monoamine oxidase agonist. In the absence of unexpected results, one having ordinary skill in the art would have been expected to employ a monoamine oxidase A inhibitor in the prior art invention. One would have been motivated to do this since monoamine oxidase A agonist is a species within monoamine oxidase inhibitors. Species in genus are obvious

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since they have similar properties, and therefore would have been expected to exhibit similar activity.

Claims 18,21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lieb (US 4409243; 10/11/83). Lieb teaches a method of treating multiple sclerosis comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (agonist). Loder does not teach the administering of an "A" type monoamine oxidase agonist. In the absence of unexpected results, one having ordinary skill in the art would have been expected to employ a monoamine oxidase A inhibitor in the prior art invention. One would have been motivated to do this since monoamine oxidase A agonist is a species within monoamine oxidase inhibitors. Species in genus are obvious since they have similar properties, and therefore would have been expected to exhibit similar activity.

#### ***Claim Objection***

Claims 22-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art does not teach or suggest instant method comprising reserpine.

#### ***Telephonic Inquiry***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alton N. Pryor whose telephone number is 571-272-0621. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alton Pryor', is written over the printed name.

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